

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

Summer Concert Series

The 2025 Summer Concert Series, hosted through a partnership between the LaRue County chamber of Commerce and the City of Hodgenville, will kick off on Saturday, June 7 on Lincoln Square in Hodgenville. Bitter Sweet will begin the live music, opening for Casey & Romy, and food will be available from several vendors. For more information, contact Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sandy Kidd at 270-765-9687.

Car Wash

The LaRue County High School Cheer team will have a car wash and bake sale on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kentucky Farm Bureau parking lot at 606 N. Lincoln Blvd in Hodgenville. All proceeds and donations support the cheer team for the upcoming season.

Touch a Truck

LaRue County Schools invites the public to attend the “Touch a Truck” event on Sat., June 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the LaRue County High School student parking lot. All kinds of trucks and equipment will be on hand for young adults to climb on, get in and take pictures with. A \$5 suggested donation per family benefits the HES Playground.

Union Christian Church Fundraiser

A building fundraiser is being held for the



Union Christian Church located at 970 Union Church Rd, Hodgenville on Sat., June 7 at noon. A pork tenderloin sandwich, chips and cookie is available for \$10, and an auction will be held. FMI call the church at 270-358-7072, David Lafollette at 502-773-3117, or Johnny Ball at 502-827-3322. All donations are appreciated.

Benefit Concert for Savannah Rose Pruitt

A benefit concert for Savannah Rose Pruitt will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 8 at Buffalo Baptist Church, located at 2530 Greensburg Rd., Buffalo. Attendees will enjoy the music of Camille Turner, Glen Rice, Brenda Martin, Robin Milby, the Buffalo Baptist Praise Team, the Vass Family and others. For questions or more information, call 270-528-4014.

VBS

Middle Creek Baptist Church will host a Magnified VBS June 9-13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The church is located at 3595 Carter Brothers Rd., Hodgenville. A kid friendly meal will be served at 5:30 p.m.

DeSpain Cemetery

Donations are needed for the upkeep of the DeSpain Cemetery for the 2025 mowing season. Donations can be made at Lincoln National Bank c/o DeSpain Cemetery Fund, or mailed to Dana Howell, treasurer, 7275 Bailey Road, Mt. Sherman, KY 42764.

Oak Hill Donations

Oak Hill Baptist Church is requesting donations to support cemetery mowing. Please make checks payable to Oak Hill Baptist Church ATTN: Cemetery and mail to P.O. Box 252 Sonora, KY 42776.

Pleasant Grove Donations

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church is requesting donations to support cemetery mowing. Please make checks payable to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Attn: Cemetery, and mail to 125 Howardstown Road, Hodgenville KY 42748.

Wellness on Wheels

Baptist Health Hardin's Wellness on Wheels (WOW) mobile health unit will at Hodgenville Methodist Church on June 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. located at 825 Tonieville Rd, Hodgenville. Wellness on Wheels will offer basic healthcare screenings. Some services include height, weight, blood pressure and body mass index

measurements, as well as screenings for thyroid function, cholesterol, glucose levels and anemia. For questions, call 270-706-5540.

LOCAL SUPPORT

LaRue County Community Action

has a giveaway one Wednesday each month from 4-5:30 p.m. at the LaRue County Parks & Recreation building in Hodgenville. The next giveaway will be held Wed, June 18.

Clothing Closet

— South Fork Baptist Church located at 4915 New Jackson Hwy in Hodgenville offers a FREE Clothing Closet option for the public from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call Machelles McDowell for more information at 270-325-3626.

**The Shepherd's Pie Food Pantry**, hosted by the Magnolia Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has a giveaway at 3 p.m. every Tuesday.

**The Hope Food Pantry** at Hodgenville United Methodist Church has a monthly food giveaway on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Each eligible person can attend one session, either in the morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or during the afternoon session from 5 to 6 p.m. FMI call Susan Phelps at 270-735-6334.

TRUCK

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Boone says funds are needed to modify the land near the playground that is currently not being used, so that it can be used by all students with or without disabilities can interact together, become friends, and play together. “It’s about becoming a good human because we’re going to interact with people that are different from

us the rest of our lives. It’s not just a kindergartener thing, it’s a life thing.”

Making sure that students learn that skill as well as their academic skills is very important to the school district program. “How do I work with, live with, play with, get along with, people who are not the same as me, and that’s what we want to build.”

To move the project forward, fundraising for the upgrades are beginning with a “Touch a Truck”

event this Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school student parking lot. A suggested \$5 donation per family will benefit the HES Playground project.

Food trucks will be available as free food for children under the age of 18 will be distributed by the LaRue County Schools Child Nutrition program.

All kinds of equipment from fire trucks, police cars, tractors, bucket trucks, school bus, and even a helicopter will be

on site for families to climb on and in and have their picture taken with.

It’s a summer time fun program that benefits the students long term. In case of weather, the event will be rescheduled. Donations are accepted and according to Boone, are being held in a special account until the expected \$200,000 cost is achieved.

Join LaRue County Schools for this family oriented event, this Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SERVE

FROM PAGE A1

“I’m thankful to have been appointed and I’m even more thankful to be able to be back in the community and serve them to the best of my ability,” Puyear said of his recent appointment.

While he is no stranger to LaRue County, he has been employed by Herb Jones Chevrolet GMC in Elizabethtown

for the past 33 years. A 1988 graduate of LaRue County, he and his wife have built their life and family here in Hodgenville where he now will be able to serve his community on a daily basis.

The LaRue County PVA office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is located on the first floor of the LaRue County Courthouse, and the office number is 270-358-4202.

HEARING

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TDA and Pence filed additional lawsuits to overturn the second denials. In their appeal, both parties assert that the fiscal court considered new evidence (the Division of Water map) when making its decision. Per state precedent, doing so is prohibited without first hosting a trial-type hearing and subsequently making findings of “adjudicative facts based on the evidence presented.” Otherwise, the court is required to either follow the recommendation from the Planning Commission or review the record made before the commission and

make its own findings of fact from said record.

In its response to the allegation, the fiscal court argued the map reference had not been “the basis upon which the Fiscal Court ultimately voted 4-1 against the rezoning application.” Additionally, the court stated that, “[w]hile reference was made to a Kentucky Division of Water map, nowhere in the thought process (record) does it reflect its effect on the vote.”

According to Judge Simms, the review of the zoning decision uses an arbitrariness standard, limiting him to only determining if the agency acted in excess of its powers, if the proceedings were in accord with the parties’ due process rights

and if the action taken was supported by substantial evidence.

With the presented evidence in mind, Simms ruled that the map played a significant role in the rezoning denial. He cited Magistrate Williams’ motion that specifically mentioned the map in his denial and two different portions of the fiscal court minutes that referenced the map information as cause. This ruling ultimately means the fiscal court proceedings violated the due process rights of TDA and Pence by considering evidence not presented to the commission without conducting the necessary hearing.

“As a result, this Court has no choice but to remand this action to Fiscal Court for a hearing with procedural due process,”

Judge Simms said in his order. “At this trial-type hearing, TDA and Pence would obviously have an opportunity to present evidence to refute the contention of the area posing a high risk for lessened water quality.”

Because of this finding, the plaintiff’s requested the Court adopt the approval recommendation of the Planning Commission, stating the relief was warranted “based upon Fiscal Court’s previous reversal, judicial economy, and fairness.” In response, Simms stated he does not have the authority to eliminate the fiscal court’s role in the rezoning process; he is only empowered to reverse the fiscal court’s denial and order a trial-type hearing be conducted to reconsider the matter.

After meeting in executive session at its May 27 bi-monthly meeting, the LaRue County Fiscal Court chose to set the public hearing for 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 26 at the LaRue County Courthouse, located at 209 W. High St., Hodgenville. The meeting is required to include “the taking and weighing of evidence if such is offered, a finding of fact based upon consideration of the evidence, the making of an order supported by substantial evidence, and, where the party’s constitutional rights are involved, a judicial review of the administrative action.” Evidence will be accepted from any individual in attendance, whether in support or opposition of the matter, before the final vote is conducted.

COURT

FROM PAGE A2

Plea of guilty entered for charges one, three and amended five. (2022)

May 28

Kristopher Jay Bundy, DOB 1995. First-degree possession of a controlled substance (first offense; methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia — buy/possess.

Plea of not guilty entered, preliminary hearing June 4; bond remains the same. (2025)

Porsche Mecole Gilbert, DOB 1984. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense) and operating on a suspended/revoked operator’s license.

Plea of not guilty entered, pretrial conference June 25. (2023)

Heman Patel, DOB 1980. Speeding 26 mph or greater over limit, first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), first-degree criminal mischief, first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree wanton endangerment — police office, reckless driving, failure to produce insurance card, resisting arrest and license to be in possession. Plea of not guilty entered, preliminary hearing June 4; bond remains the same. (2025)

Jordan McGaughey, DOB 1995. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (first offense, aggravating circumstances), second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), resisting arrest, license to be in possession, driving too fast for traffic conditions, reckless driving, operating on a suspended/

revoked operator’s license and first-degree criminal mischief. Charge two amended to third-degree fleeing or evading police. Hearing held — probable cause found as amended, case referred to grand jury; bond remains the same. (2025)

Claraissa Denise Cox, DOB 1991. Local county ordinance. Plea of guilty entered. (2025)

Rex Allen Foster, DOB 2006. Speeding 5 mph over limit and failure to produce insurance card. Charge two dismissed without prejudice based on proof. Plea of guilty entered for charge one. (2025)

Craig Johnson, DOB 2000. Speeding 26 mph or over (limited access) and reckless driving. Failure to appear. (2025)

Pamala Kelly, DOB 1970. No/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt and improper display of registration plates. Charge one amended to all other traffic violations. Failure to appear. (2025)

Seth Michael Christian Lara, DOB 2003. Speeding 10 mph over limit, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, improper registration plate, failure to produce insurance card and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense). Failure to appear, \$500 cash bench warrant. (2025)

Lavonnadis Eugene Dewayne McDaniel, DOB 1994. Speeding 20 mph over limit, no/expired registration plates and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt. Failure to appear. (2025)

Stephany J. Phipps, DOB 1974. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt and no/expired registration plates. Charge one amended to

all other traffic violations. Failure to appear. (2025)

Derick Ray Frye, DOB 1986. Speeding 10 mph over limit, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, improper registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, failure of nonowner operator to maintain required insurance (second or more offense) and failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. Plea of guilty entered for charges one and six. (2024)

Kaitlyn Brooke Graham, DOB 1996. Failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (second or more offense) and no/expired registration plates. Plea of guilty entered for charges one and two. (2025)

Michael Thomas Naseef, DOB 1968. Speeding 25 mph over limit, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt and no/expired registration plates. Plea of not guilty entered, pretrial conference July 9. (2025)

Cory Sidebottom, DOB 1987. Speeding 5 mph over limit, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense) and operating on a suspended/revoked operator’s license. Plea of guilty entered for charges one and two, charge three dismissed without prejudice based on proof. (2025)

Justin Keith Childress, DOB 1998. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (first offense), first-degree disorderly conduct, menacing, failure to produce insurance card and second-degree criminal mischief. Plea of guilty entered to charge one, license surrendered, ADE review July 30. (2025)

Brandon Scott Frye,

DOB 1985. Possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (third offense, aggravating circumstances). Charge two amended to operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (second offense, aggravating circumstances). Unsecured bond set, continued to June 11. (2025)

Robert Antonio Kahane Paele, DOB 1990. First-degree criminal abuse — child 12 or under and second-degree criminal abuse — child 12 or under. Plea of not guilty entered, preliminary hearing June 11; \$9,500 unsecured bond set with conditions of no drugs or alcohol, no new

violations and to follow case and comply with CHFS. (2025)

Kristina Renee Snook, DOB 1996. First-degree criminal abuse — child 12 or under and second-degree criminal abuse — child 12 or under. Plea of not guilty entered, preliminary hearing June 11; \$9,500 cash unsecured bond set with conditions of no drugs or alcohol, no new violations and to follow case and comply with CHFS. (2025)

Amy T. Waggoner, DOB 1983. Two counts of local county ordinance. Trial by jury set Aug. 8. (2024)

Christopher Lee Waggoner, DOB 1978. Two counts of local county ordinance. Trial by jury set Aug. 8. (2024)

David E. Wenger, DOB

1946. Theft of services and third-degree terroristic threatening. Trial by jury set Aug. 8. (2025)

Layton Earl Wheeler, DOB 1969. Second-degree criminal mischief. Plea of guilty entered. (2024)

Joseph Wayne Aguon, DOB 1996. Financial obligations. Recall bench warrant and failure to appear, continue to June 25. (2019)

Yorman Y. Lopez, DOB 1986. Financial obligations. \$600 bench warrant issued. (2024)

**Note:** The above information includes a weekly listing of cases heard by the LaRue County District Court. Individuals are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Types of Mortgage Loans FHA Part One

In 1934 the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) was established to help first time home buyers in the purchase of a house. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) insures the loan so that your lender can offer a better deal since the loan is guaranteed. This results in easier credit qualification and lower down payments.

While the majority of FHA loans are for first time house buyers there are loan products allowing purchase of manufactured homes or mobile homes for those who own the land that the home is on and even for purchase of mobile homes located in mobile home parks. FHA also has reverse mortgage loan that lets you convert a portion of your equity into cash if you are 62 or older and fully own or have very low remaining loan balance.

As with everything in life there are pros and cons to an FHA backed mortgage loan. The next article in this series will present more details.



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